Active Pallbearers

James Gage
Bernard Griffin
Eric Hicks

Jerod Jarvis
Horrace Pinkard
Bobby Sneed Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Rev. Dr. Aaron Black Sr.
Dr. Illya V. Hicks Sr.
George W. Hicks Sr.
Lawrence Hicks
Sedrick L. Hicks Sr.

Interment

Doris Miller Memorial Park - Bellmead, Texas

The Family Acknowledgment

We would like to express our sincerest thanks for every kind word, deed thought, prayer, phone call, card, flower, and visit during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep everyone of you!

~The Family~

Announcement

~Dinner will be served at the church~

Will Those Driving In The Procession Kindly Turn On Your Headlights For Safety!

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
McDowell Funeral Homes, L.L.C
1104 Chestnut Street – Waco, Texas

Celebrating the Life of

Lewis Hicks

Saturday, January 21, 2012
St. James United Methodist Church
600 South 2nd Street, Waco, TX
Rev. Thomas E. Malone - Officiant
Rev. W. Venters Jr. - Eulogist
Obituary

October 8, 1920
January 17, 2012

Lewis Lieutenant Hicks also known by the nickname “Tenor” was the last living offspring and the fourth child of Willie Hicks Sr. and Isabella Degrate-Hicks, who both preceded him in death. Lewis had the following siblings: Clifton Hicks (an older half brother), Willie Hicks Jr., Noah Hicks, Ezekiel Hicks, Josephine Vaughn, Clara Lewis, Eddie Hicks, and Lola Mae Cromer, who all preceded him in death.

Lewis grew up and attended public school in Asa, Texas and eventually obtained his GED. At the age of 7 he began to work on cars and transmissions, which became his passion. As a young man he had various occupations such as the railroad, the Crawford Austin Company as well as others. Later, Lewis was blessed with the opportunity to become self-employed and owned a well-known mechanic shop called “Hicks Garage” in Waco where he specialized in repairing transmissions when other companies could not. Lewis accepted the Lord at an early age and was a member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Downsville, TX where his grandfather, Noah Degrate, was a founding member.

Lewis was united in Holy Matrimony to Vera L. Jarvis in 1942 and to this union eight children were born: Lillian L. McIvory; Isabella E. Gage (William); Joyce A. Sneed; Betty J. Dickson (Alfred); Carol R. Rush; Lawrence E. Hicks; Lewis E. Hicks (preceded in death); and George W. Hicks Sr.

Lewis is also survived by two daughters, Joyce E. Moore (Sylvester) and Evelyn R. Douglas (James). He was also a father to Rev. Dr. Aaron D. Black Sr. (Janet).

In 1969, Lewis was united in Holy Matrimony to Lorine Black (preceded in death) and to this union two sons were born: Sedrick L. Hicks Sr. (Dewann) and Dr. Illya V. Hicks Sr. (Casmin).

He also leaves to cherish fond and precious memories his thirty-three grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Selection……………………………St. James UMC Choir

Scripture

Old Testament………………………………Rev. Henry E. Persley

New Testament……………………………..Rev. Jack Crane

Truevine Missionary Baptist Church

Prayer……………………………………….Rev. Thomas E. Malone

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

Selections……………………………………St. James UMC Choir

Solo ……………………Mr. Billy Gooden

“Walk Around Heaven”

Resolutions/Remarks
(Please limit to 2 minutes)

Special Remarks…………………..Dist. Supt. Dennis E. Watson

Capital City District of the Texas Southwest

Selection…………………………………Rev. Dalton Gooden

Celebration of Life………………….Rev. W. Venters Jr.

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

Final Tribute

Recessional
Dad's Prayer

Oh Lord, all my appointed time will I wait till my change come. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

The Lord said “Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. These things have I spoken unto you, being present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth; give I unto you.”

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Job 14:14, Psalms 23, John 14:1-3, 25-27
Our Father Kept A Garden

Our Father kept a garden.  
A garden of the heart;  
He planted all the good things,  
That gave our lives their start.

He turned us to the sunshine,  
And encouraged us to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rain came,  
He protected us enough;  
But not too much because he knew  
We would stand up strong and tough.

His constant good example,  
Always taught us right from wrong;  
Markers for our pathway that will last  
a lifetime long.

We are our Father’s garden,  
We are his legacy.  
Thank you Dad. We love you!